ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Cahaba Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Friendship Church,

Perry County, "Alabama, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

October 13, 14 & 15 1886.

OFFICERS:

J. B. LOVELACE, MODERATOR, - Marion, Ala. J. P. HARRIS, CLERK & TREASURER, Harrisburg, Ala.

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MINUTES.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH. / Perry Co., Ala. Oct. 13, 1886.)

The Cahaba Baptist Association convened in her sixty-ninth annual session with this church at 11 o'clock. A. M. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. A. C. Davidson, D.D., from Habakuk 1: 3. After benediction, the Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Clerk, J. P. Harris, stating that the former Moderator, Bro. J. N. Suttle, would not be present.

Prayer offered by Rev. J. B. Pool, after which letters from the churches were called for and brethren A. C. Davidson and S. M. Adams were requested to read the names of messengers, when the following names were enrolled : Bethlehem—J. J. Stewart, W. H. Mezzles, N. B. Coker, D. A. Rogers and Henry Ratliff.

Bethel-J. P. Harris.

Concord-J. S. Bolling, J. M. Watters.

Ephesus—S. W. L. Nichols, Sample Huey, Joseph Swindle.

Fellowship—J. B. Pool, W. A. Curb, E. G. Grav, Ira Crews, Elija Carter.

Friendship-S. M. Adams, I. L. Hicks, R. Manass.

Hepsabah—J. M. Goodger, A. C. Haggard. Hopewell—

Harmony-

Macedonia-James S. Davis, Hiram Hill, L. W. Ryan, Wm. Hobster.

Mars Hill-

Mt. Gilead-J. W. Cochran, C. J. Stewart, J. M. McCraw, T. D. Pous.

Medline—Thomas E. Taylor, L. C. O'Neal, Joseph Sandy.

Mt. Zion-H, G. Snead, J. C. Lea.

Macon-G. S. Anderson.

New Hope-G. H. Payne, J. Samuel Davis,

J. R. Lawless, J. Shelton Davis. Newburne—G. S. Anderson. New Shiloh—W. O. Perry. Ocmulgee—O. H. Perry. Oak Grove—E. S. White, J. A. McCrary. Pine Flat—E. P. George, W. B. Alexander. Pisgah-W. F. Aycock, Ira Huff, L. E. Davis.

Sardis-E. Tucker.

Siloam—A. C. Davidson, J. B. Lovelace, J. F. Baily, J. T. Murfee.

Union-L. J. Kinard, H. T. Stringfellow.

Uniontown---

Bro. E. G. Gray placed the name of J. B. Lovelace before the Association for Moderator, when he was elected by acclamation. Rev. J. B. Pool placed J. P. Harris before the Association for Clerk, and he was also elected by acclamation, Bro. Porter King was elected Treasurer.

The Association being organized, Rev. S. M. Adams gave us an address of welcome, after which the Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

Invitation was then given for membership, when Medline church presented a letter asking to be reinstated, having been granted a letter of dismission in October, 1884, which was accepted.

Moved that S. D. McSpadden be received as corresponding messenger from Harmony Association.

A committee on letters and documents was appointed, consisting of Brethren W. F. Aycock, T. D. Potts, and J. C. Lea.

Moved, by Rev. E. P. George, that the various mission reports be read and discussed under one head at q_2^1 o'clock on to-morrow morning.

The committee on education being ready, the report was read and discussed by Brethren A. C. Davidson, J. F. Baily, J. B. Lovelace and J. A. McCrary, which was then adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptists of Alabama own two educational establishments—the Judson Institute for girls and Howard College for boys. These schools are both at Marion, within the bounds of the Cahaba Association

Conceived in the wisdom, and founded by the liberality. of a few large hearted members of this Association, they may be counted the product, almost exclusive, of its teneficence. They should have, then, for us a peculiar interest and should lie very near our hearts.

The prosperity which has marked the Judson for several years continues unabated.

The Howard opens the present session auspiciously.

The movement for its endowment, which is gaining force throughout the state, has special claims upon us.

Among the students in attendance this session there will probably be some twenty-five or thirty preparing for the ministry of the gospel. The Master, in His wisdom, seems to be calling to this work many who are not encumbered with the possesions or the prospects of the life that now is. Their circumstances and their high calling offer the churches a strong incitement to liberality.

The matter of educating Baptist children? in Baptist Schools is one whose importance can hardly be unduly emphasized. The following extract from the *Baptist Quarterly Review* is worthy of most earnest consideration:

"Within the next few months many young men and women will have made their choice of academies and colleges. Is there any good reason why the sons and daughters of Raptists should not become students of Baptist institutions? We know of no such reasons; we know of half a dozen reasons why they should. * * * Our sons and daughters should be sent to our own schools; first, for the sake of the schools. The number of pupils might be greatly increased without materially increasing the cost of conducting the schools. Additional numbers would give greater prestige and influence. They would also tend to greatly increase the endowment of these schools. These young men and women will soon be the possessors of large amounts of money; this money will naturally go to the schools from which they graduated. The object, therefore, for which our schools were founded will be greatly attained or largely defeated as our children attend or fail to attend our own schools.

But further; attendance upon our own schools will be a great benefit to our children. They will receive instruction not less valuable, and in many instances of more practical value, than they could obtain elsewhere. This attendance will also give them a proper degree of denominational intelligence and enthusiasm. Our children, if students in other institutions, will lose their proper denominational spirit to a very great degree. Attendance upon our own schools will also bring our young people under the influence of a Baptist atmosphere in social life. At this moment the case of many young men who have attended other schools, and who have formed social and marriage relations outside our own denomination, is guite familiar to all. This is as unfortunate as it is unnecessary. Our children should grow up to love and serve the church of their parents. Their intellectual culture their social influence, and their increasing wealth should be consecrated to our denominational enterprises. It is astonishing that so many parents are so false to their duty in this respect. The trouble often begins in the schools when boys and girls are prepared for college. If children are sent to school where all the influence of teachers and fellowpupils are against Baptist colleges, and for other colleges, children naturally choose the other colleges. If parents send their children to such preparatory schools, they ought to take the utmost pains to correct at home the tendencies generated at these schools.

We need to-day intelligent convictions of our duty at this point. If our own schools are not what they should be, let us make them what they should be. This end we certainly shall not reach by failing to give them both our money and our sons and daughters.

We plead for greater liberality, enthusiasm and consecration on behalf of our denominational schools for the sake of all the interests that are dear to us as Baptists."

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT FRAZER, Chairman.

Resolutions were presented by Rev. S. M. Adams upon the death of our former Moderator, J. N. Suttle, which was read and adopted.

Moved that we do now adjourn until 9 o'clock

to-morrow morning, when one-half hour will be devoted to devotional exercises. and especial prayer offered for the family of our former Moderator, Bro. J. N. Suttle. Prayer offered by Bro. A. M. Perry.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9, A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. A. M. Perry, by reading XII chapter of Romans, followed by songs and prayers from various brethren.

At $9\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer offered by Bro. G. S. Anderson.

Rev. J. W. Stewart was received as corresponding messenger from Selma Association.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. S. M. Adams, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

A spirit of enterprise and progress has characterized the operations of the Home Mission Board during the past conventional year. In the year 1884-5 there were 185 missionaries employed by the Home board and in the conventional year of 1885-6 there were 255; showing an increase in the last conventional year of more than thirty-three per cent. in the number of missionaries employed by the board.

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These figures represent only in part the important results accomplished by this efficient organization, and are referred to, not only as a means of information, but to encourage the hearts and stimulate the zeal of our membershipto a hearty co-operation in this labor of love.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. ADAMS, Chairman.

The report on Women's Work was presented by H. T. Stringfellow, and discussed with the reports on missions.

The chairmen on the State and Foreign Mission reports appointed for this session being absent, the Moderator appointed A. C. Davidson, D.D. and G. S. Anderson, who will frame reports for publication, when the whole subject of missions was discussed by Brethren J. W. Stewart, J. B. Lovelace and J. T. Murfee.

The hour having arrived for the Missionary sermon, a recess of five minutes was moved, when the Rev. J. W. Stewart preached the missionary sermon from Joshua XIII: 1, after which a collection was taken up, and the sum of \$13 75 was received. Benediction by Bro. A. C. Davidson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer offered by Bro. J. S. Bolling.

Moved that the reports on Home, State and Foreign Missions and Women's Work be adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee having considered this all important subject, beg leave to make the following report:

In Mexico the Board has fifteen missionaries and native assistants: received by letter and baptism, 90; church members, 190; and the work is prospering

In Brazil we have eight missionaries and native assistants; baptized during the year, 37; schools, 40; church members, 113.

In Africa we have fifteen missionaries and native asistants; baptized during the year, 7; pupils, 195; church members' 125; contributions, \$120; and we have sent four new missionaries to Africa.

In China, the oldest mission station, (notwithstanding our work has been retarded by wars and rumors of wars,) still we have fifty-six missionaries and native assistants: haptized, 34; church members, 645; pupils, 145; contributions, \$507.87.

In Italy, 12 missionaries and native assistants; baptized. 35; church members, 250; contributions \$42.00.

And besides these we have gratifying reports from Guatemala, Syria, Persia, Japan, India, Siam, Gorea, and the Indians and Chinese in the west. We have sent out new laborers in the different fields for the year, and we have many reasons to thank God and take courage, that the gladtidings of great joy are being proclaimed in many lands, and the far off isles of the sea, to the pulling down of the strong holds of heathenism, and to the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God and His Christ.

We made donations last year for Foreign Missions, \$186.87; we are requested this year to give for Foreign Missions the sum of \$239.10. Your committee earnestly urge that this amount be raised by the churches of this association. It can and must be done. Your committee recommend that some systematic plan be adopted by each church to raise these funds, and if this is done with energy, faithfulnes and prayer, He who has promised the reward will surely bestow it, and we may rejoice at seeing more of the joys of His salvation.

Your committee would recommend that each church would raise a committee, and charge such committee with this work, upon which depend the spread of the Gospel by the Baptists.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

From the report sent out by the Corresponding Secretary, the following facts are gathered: The Board has had eighty-one men in its service for the whole or a part of the year. These men have labored in sixty counties. The results have been very gratifying and call for devcut thanksgiving to God They baptized during the year 919 persons; received into the churches from all sources 1,402: constituted 13 churches; finished six meeting houses, and commenced work on a number of others. Besides preaching, holding prayer meetings, visiting the people, a great, though silent, influence has been exerted by the Corresponding Secretary, together with these earnest, consecrated toilers, that can only be estimated in the lock day. Influences of many kinds have been set in motion. All the departments of Christian activity have been quickened, and our denomination all over the state has been blessed.

The board desires to expend this conventional year twelve thousand dollars. We are asked to raise \$575 of that amount. Your committee recommend that each church set apart a certain time for making contributions to this work, and that as far as possible every member have an opportunity to give something.

Our people need the Gospel, and a wide door is opened to us. Let us enter in and fulfill, as far as we may, the last command of the dying Redeemer: "Preach the Gospel to every creature."

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK.

Wherever the Gospel of the Son of God has been preached the influence of woman has been felt, and wherever they have been organized for work their power as Cristian workers has been seen and admitted by all unprejudiced minds.-Women's work has been organized in our state now a little more than a year, with Mrs. M. C. Davis, Secretary Central committee at Montgomery. Your committee consider women societies one of the great agencies now in the hands of the denomination for carying out the work. We recommend that the association organize the ladies into societies, not to work independent of the churches, but in the name of their respective churches to use their personal efforts to promote the various interests of the denomination. The plan is found to work admirably in our town and city churches. Why can't we try it in all our country churches? When this is done and woman, with her untiring faithfulness and motherly sympathy is given personal work for the master's cause, it will work a new era in the development of our churches at home, and inspire us anew with zeal for the cause of missions abroad. Respectfully submitted,

H. T. STRINGFELLOW, Chairman.

It was moved that the reports onSunday schools, Denominational Literature, Religious Condition of the Churches, be read and discussed under one head, which was concurred in.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees, urging that they be present at the next session of this body: Education-Thos. J. Dill, J. P. Harris, W. W. Smith.

Denominational Literature-A J Ivery, L M Bradley, J D Holifield.

Temperance-Rev A C Davidson, W B Alexander, J N C Brown.

State of Religion in Churches-Rev J J Stewart, W A Bishop, J B Pool.

Women's Work-Rev A M Perry, W W Wilkerson. C C Huckabee.

Foreign Missions-Rev W A Bishop, N H Thompson, E S White.

Home Missions-Rev G S Anderson, J C Lea, John G Apsey.

State Missions—J B Pool, J H Huff, C J. Stewart-Sunday Schools—Porter King, J S Bolling, J L. Curb.

Bro. Davidson being ready, made a report on Denominational Literature. W. B. Alexander read, a report on Sunday School, and Rev. G. S. Anderson made a report on the State of Religion in the Chruches. The reports were received and discussed by Brethren W. B. Alexander, A. C. Davidson, J. W. Stewart and G. S. Anderson, and while the reports were being discussed by Bro. Anderson, pledges were taken for ministeral education, and the sum of \$230 was obtained, the reports were adopted :

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

Your committee, recognizing the vital need of sound and healthy literature, would most earnestly call the attention of our people to our state paper, the Alabama Baptist. Under its new management we confidently look for great improvement in all departments. It, therefore, ought to be taken by every Baptist family in our bounds. Indeed, nonecan afford to do without it, who desires to know what Got is doing in the earth, and who who wish to keep their hearts. in fivest sympathy with the world's conquest by Christ. The healthy and helpful stimulus which is derived from it can hardly be over estimated It gives right interpretations of the Hible, about which we all want to know more. It suggests valuable methods of church work and is blessed of God in leading many to see their need and to accept Jesus as their Savior. We would also urge the claims of the Foreign Mission Journal, published in Richmond, Va. it is devoted to giving information concerning our mission fields, missionaries and their work. Many of us would have our hearts glow with a new enthusiasm and love for the great enterprise did we but read more. Every church ought to have a large club of subscribers. We would also recom-mend a larger use of the denominational tracts published by the American Baptist Society of Philadelphia. The polity, ordinances, officers and doctrines of a New Testament church are all strikingly presented and in beautiful brevity. Above all, we would beg for a larger study of the Bible, that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ; and that we put away from our homes whatever is not in keeping with its precepts and doctrines.

A. C. DAVIDSON.

RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

We report the state of religion in the churches as hopeful. Many of the churches report revivals with ingathering of souls, while God'schildren are being built up in the fuith. The spirit of progress seems to be gaining ground and we look out upon an encouraging future. We earnestly recommend that the spirit of prayer and consecration be sought at the Lord's presence. G.S. ANDERSON.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that most of our churches have good Sabbath schools. We would urge that all our churches keep up Sabbath schools, and suggest that the clerks of the respective churches be requested to send up to this, Association more exhaustive reports from their schools. Having very limited reports and almost no statistics from the schools in the letters from the churches, we are compelled to leave off that part of our report.

Your committee recommend Kind Words or the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society and urge upon the superintendents the importance of keeping from their pupils all unsound literature.

We, your committee, recommend strictly Baptist liter-

ature in Baptist schools and insist that the Baptist element sboald predominate wherever possible. We also, knowing that our literature is as good as the

world can produce, earnestly urge the pastors to see to it that our hymn books are used in their churches; as we feel it a compromise to borrow literature of other denominations. Respectfully Submitted.

W. B. ALEXANDER, Chairman.

W. O. PERRY, Committee. J. W. COCHRAN.

Report of committee on Letters and Documents was read by Bro. W. F. Aycock, and was adopted :

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Letters and Documents beg leave to make the following report:

After examining the letters from the different churches, we are glad to report that we find in them a greater missionary spirit; their contributions about one-fourth larger than last year. We find a large increase in the membership.

Question asked by Bethlehem church—"Is it right for a minister of our denomination to preside as pastor over a church of a different denomination and administer its ordinances?" We say, emphatically: NO!

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. AYCOCK,)
T. D. Potts,	Committee.
J.C. LEA,) '

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. J. M. Watters, and adopted :.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report: Whiskey destroys the peace and happiness of more families than any other one thing we have to contend with, and is a stumbling block over which many souls fall into perdition. It degrades man in his own estimation and destroys his chances for salvation. It fills our jails and penitentiarics and fills the ranks of vice. In view of which your committee would urge this body, and all christians, to join hands in the suppression of the crying evil which hovers like an ill foreboding spectre over our land, and drops the mildew from its poisonous wings. J. M. WATTERS, Chairman.

The following resolution, presented by Bro. A. C. Davidson was concurred in :

Resolved, That this Association, having learned that Bro. G. S. Anderson and J. W. Bassett have felt called of God to give their lives to evangelistic work, hereby endorse their course, and would most earnestly commend them to the churches of our Association and further that we request them to make reports of their work to the Board of the State Convention.

The Moderator being necessitated to go home, asked to be excused by the Association, which request was granted, and Bro. Adams requested to act as Moderator the remainder of the session.

Moved that we do now adjourn until 9 c'clock, to-morrow morning, when one-half hour will be devoted to songs and prayer. Dismissed by Bro. Davidson.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

Exercises conducted by Bro. J. W. Stewart. Reading of the 126 and 137 Psams, with songs and prayers by the brethren.

At 9½ o'clock the Association was called to order by Bro. S. M. Adams. Prayer by Bro. I. L. Hicks.

Bro. J. M. Stewart moved that a committee be appointed to apportion the amount of money asked for from the Mission Board's committee, consisting of Bro. J. A. McCraty, H. O. Perry and C. J. Stewart. Rev. A. M. Perry, presented a report on Indigent Ministers, which was received and discussed by Bro. A.M. Perry and S.M. Adams. The report was adopted:

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have old servants who have worn themselves out in the cause of the blessed God and the salvation of souls, and now are dependent on the good people of God to sustain them while they live.

In Levitieus these words present themselves: "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man and please thy God. I am the Lord." This is the law with reference to old persons. Gentael people instincttively obey this law. Christian people are furnishing homes for some of our old preachers. How tenderly must our Father feel for His old servants who have worn out their lives in His service. Would He not be well pleased with an offering for their support? The Board as for one thousand dollars from the Faptists of Alabama and we confidently look for this and would recommend that each church in this Association do something in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. PERRY, Chairman,

To the Cahaba Association :

We, your committee on Indigent Ministers, beg leave to report that we have on hand \$30,00.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. HOCUE,

The committee on nominations made the follow-

ing report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON NOMINATION

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following:

Place of next meeting of this body will be with Macedonia church, Hale county; time, Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1887.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, G. S. Anderson; Alternate, L. M. Bradley.

Missionary Sermon, Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M. by Dr A. C. Davidson; Alternate, S. M. Adams,

 D. Davidson, Anerhauer, S. M. Audans,
 Delegates to State Convention—Dr. A. C. Davidson, G. S. Anderson, W. A. Bishop, W. W. Wilkerson, J. T. Murphy,
 S. M. Adams, A. M. Perry, D. S. Hogue, E. S. White, K. Fra-ZBr.

Respectfully submitted, O. H. HOGUE, Chairman.

Moved that the action of Association electing. Bro. Porter King, treasurer be reconsidered, and the duties of the treasurer, be made exofficio duties of the Clerk, which was concurred in.

Finance committee made a report, which was adopted.

Committee on apportioment of funds between churches made the following report, which was concurred in :

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee on Missionary Apportionment, including Foreign, Home and State Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

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Respectfully submitted.

J. A. MCCRARY, Chairman.

C. J. STEWART, Committee,

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association hold a Sabbath School convention with Hopewell'church, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in July, 1887.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered Friendship church and vicinity for the kind hospitality given this session of our Association.

Moved that we do now adjourn to meet with Macedonia church, Hale county, Ala., on Wednesday after the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1887.

J. B. LOVELACE, Moderator. J. P. HARRIS, Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS—In the order of Divine Providence our brother, Hon. J. N. Suttle, has been removed from our midst by the hand of death, and our hearts have been deeply moved thereby; therefore be it

Resolved—That in his death we have lost one of nature's noblemen. a generous friend, a genial companion, a man of true and honest purpose, of pure mind, of sound judgement, prompt in action, faithful in matters of trust, an earnest christian worker, and an ardent lover of the Baptist cause.

'That we treasure the memory of his blameless christian life, his wise counsel, and his zeal for the cause of Christ.

That from the manner of his life, and from the positive is character of his christian experience and testimeny during his illness, we are fully persuaded that our loss is his eternal gain; and that while we are mourning on earth, he is rejoicing with the redeemed and blood-washed in heaven.

That we deeply sympathize with the widow and children who have been called to part with their chief earthly counselior and supporter, and that we carnestly beseech the Father in Heaven to grant them the consolation they so much need, and which he alone can give.

That one page of the minutes be given for this memorial and a copy sent the Alabama Baptist for publication, requesting the same to be inserted.

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Finance Report.

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